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A male was airlifted from Fort Erie to Hamilton last Friday after a car accident on Concession Rd.

Accident victim airlifted to hospital

Shortly after 12 p.m. on Friday, emergency personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident on Concession Rd. near Canada Dr. in Fort Erie.

A single male occupant suffered what a Niagara Regional

Police spokesperson called serious, but non-life threatening injuries after his car struck a tree.

The Fort Erie Fire Department used the jaws-of-life to extract him from the car

and the male was responsive, said police.

He was taken by air ambulance to Hamilton, from the former Zeller's parking lot a couple of blocks from the scene of the accident.

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Male struck by car

Last Wednesday, at approximately 9:15 p.m., members of the Niagara Regional Police, Fort Erie Fire Department and Niagara Emergency Medical Services responded to the area of Bowen Rd. North and Thompson Rd. in Fort Erie for a male who had been struck by a car.

A group of friends were involved in driving an old vehicle through a farmer's field on Bowen Road when they got stuck in the mud.

Two males left on foot eastbound on Bowen road to get assistance, while the third male remained with the car. Another friend at a nearby residence was alerted to the sound of the revving engine, located the stuck car and successfully pulled it from the mud with a truck. The male in the mud covered car then sped off eastbound down Bowen Rd. and struck one of the males walking.

The injured male was transported via ambulance to Erie Country Medical Centre in Buffalo with non-life threatening injuries.

The 34-year-old Fort Erie resident who was driving the car has been charged under the Highway Traffic Act with careless driving and driving a motor vehicle with no license.

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Race Track officials want multi-year contract

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

Fort Erie's No. 1 employer is "on the right track" and the province should commit to its long-term future.

Fort Erie Race Track officials and supporters say it has been a successful season, despite a significant drop in horses and races.

During a press conference inside the track's clubhouse Friday, officials outlined how the 2013 campaign has unfolded so far, as well as next year's outlook.

Net earnings to date, on a race-by-race basis, is up 2%.

The live, on-track handle on a per-race basis is up 12%, food and beverage revenue, per day, is up 13%, while program sales, per day, has skyrocketed by 55%.

To improve customer experience and increase on-site patronage, the track now provides a breakfast club, betting contests, new types of wagers and bets, along with live bands.

To build on the momentum created since taking over operations in 2010, the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium is calling on the province — which provided \$5.5 million to help keep the track alive this season, the first without slot money — to commit to a multi-year con-

tract.

"Our proposal for a three-year, evergreen-style agreement, is really the best and most immediate mechanism to re-install racing into the horse-racing industry," said chief executive officer Jim Thibert.

"In essence, if the government wanted to cancel racing within a five-year period, they would have to tell us on opening day of year two."

He said with confidence will come more investment, horses and stability.

The consortium wants the government to provide either \$7.9-million per year to provide for 400 races or \$8.7 million for 500.

"That's just based on the operating cost that we can't cover based on the number of races they give us and the conditions. It's fairer for those in the

industry and better for the people of Ontario."

The contract would do away with the year-to-year uncertainty track officials and horsepeople have had to struggle with. In past years, track officials and the province have come to some sort of financial agreement to keep the track open.

"Nobody should have to wait every year on pins and needles just to find out if their lives are going to be turned upside down or if they will have another year of gainful employment in a career path that is very likely determined from their experiences as a youth," said Thibert.

The consortium's board of directors are hoping for an answer to their proposal by Oct. 15, the last day of racing.

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Craitor supports consortium's plan

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Niagara MPP Kim Craitor said he supports the proposal, noting the consortium's openness and trans-

parency in sharing its financials.

"This is the only track that is truly not-for-profit," he said. "When the money comes in, they invest it right back into the track."

"This is a model the racing industry should follow and the government should support. It's about jobs. It's a viable attraction. For every dollar we put in this track, we have benefitted."



Submitted

Jockeys from the Fort Erie Race Track come flying out of the gate without their horses during a foot race on Sunday, part of the annual Circle the Course event.

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Circle the Course a success

The Fort Erie Race Track is calling its annual Circle the Course event a success.

On Sunday, the 117-year-old border oval held a food drive for Community Outreach Program Erie and fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society.

The day involved a foot race with some of the track's jockeys, and after the final race of the day, over 200 people walked the track to show support for both causes.

Approximately \$5,000 was raised for cancer research and \$500 in gift cards to local

grocery stores were handed over to COPE, along with a horse trailer full of food.

"It was an extremely successful event," said Ellissa Blehm, the track's director of marketing.

"We're really proud of the community," she added.

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Do You Remember?

This week, we heard from Judy Campbell from Fort Erie, who is also the aunt of Fort Erie Times editor Kris Dubé and Gary Grimmell all the way from B.C. about last week's photo of Mayor John Teal drawing a winning ballot. In the photo, from left to right are Beth Myers, Mayor Teal, Sandra Moses and Lee Campbell (Judy's sister-in-law). These FESS students were likely part of the Theta Phi Epsilon sorority around 1968-70.

We also got calls about two photos from previous weeks. In the photo of the boy and his dog, Margaret Misner phoned in to identify her son, Peter with his dog Fanny. The photo was taken around 1972 at Black Creek Public School

for bring your pet day in Mrs. Penney's class. Mrs. Georgia Penney, teacher of the Grades one and two, organized these events to allow her pupils to 'show and tell' about their pets. Many of these students lived far apart from each other and would not have had an opportunity to play together after school and share their pets.

In the photo of the volleyball players, our thanks to Dianne Flake, and Trish Sullivan who phoned in to identify her sister and Christine (Eggleton) Hatzidakis for identifying the other volleyball players straight from the yearbook. These grade eight girls at Fort Erie Senior Elementary School,

won the Niagara South Consolation "B" Championship trophy for the 1981-82 school year.

In the back row from left to right are Tracey DeVinney, Cherrie Boronell, Christine Eggleton, Madeline Nicks, Terri Elliott, Mr. Gardner. In the front row from left to right are Chrissie Vandervalk, Kelly Parton, Missi Miller, Karen Morin (Trish's sister and captain of the team), Jennifer Stewart, and Pam Burton.

This week's photo has no names on the back. If you recognize any of these young students, please call the Museum at 905-894-5322 or send us an e-mail at museum@forterie.on.ca



Improvements provide a new perspective



Joy Russell
Guest column

I attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new complex and palliative care spaces at the Douglas

Hospital last week, and was amazed at the changes made to ensure patients and families have a quiet, comfortable area to visit with their loved ones.

I have been very vocal regarding the changing of the Douglas Memorial Hospital into a Palliative Care Hospital, but I have to admit now that the six dedicated palliative care beds and the tasteful surroundings, have let me see it in a new perspec-

tive.

Anyone who has sat with a dying friend or relative will understand how much this area was needed. It means that the people in Fort Erie will not have to travel distances to sit with dying friends and family members.

Gone are the aged drab walls and equipment. In are the bright airy rooms with comfortable chairs where family and friends can visit and

watch over their loved ones and a quiet area, where family can go to sit calmly and rest, have a cup of tea, and gather their strength.

The renovations came about through community donors support, by the Douglas Memorial Hospital Foundation, the NHS Foundation, fund raisals and the NHS. The new sun room which was completed this summer was also sponsored by the Douglas Memorial

Auxiliary and the Douglas Memorial Hospital Foundation.

We must all thank our Foundation and Auxiliary Members for their continued dedication for health care in Fort Erie, and also thank the NHS for working with us.

Now our next step is to get the new hospital built in Niagara Falls at Lyons Creek and Montrose roads. If you haven't signed the petition to build this hospital, do so

now, and let's work together to see it up and in operation.

We must all work together towards one goal, and that goal is to have equal accessible healthcare in Niagara.

The Yellow Shirt Brigade has been fighting for health care in Fort Erie and we are still doing that. Help us to help you by standing with us and getting petitions signed.

Feel free to contact me at 905-894-4085.

opinion page

Know when to move forward, says reader

Dear Editor,

When are we, the people of Fort Erie going to realize that we are our own worst enemies?

With the use of social media and the Internet, we have become a hotbed of negative energy.

I would estimate that roughly 80% of the information that gets posted online these days, ranges from all out lies to at best inaccuracies.

There are those who use blogs and Facebook to spread information without a thought to what it all really means and how it impacts us as a society. The biggest problem we have is that the people who are willing to lie, do so because they believe they are justified in their causes.

From stopping a condo to destroying personal

reputations whether they believe they are serving a greater cause or their own personal agendas, it only hurts us all.

The reality is that the laws have not caught up with the times so to date there is very little accountability to those who post malicious lies online.

The police often direct you to civil law which puts the laws out of most people's pocket books when it comes to lawyers. The damage being done is by those who believe everything they read online.

Especially when they act on it, there are far greater implications to us all as a whole. There is this misconception out there that there is a group of people that support this condo in Crystal Beach. Again this is a misconception being spread by various blogs who like

to imagine that there are two sides at war over this condo.

It isn't about a condo, but about moving Fort Erie forward. Once a deal has been made it has all the approvals and it has been through the OMB, it now just becomes an issue that distracts from all the other issues that need attention in this town.

The people who are still fighting this condo are entitled to their opinions, but the truth is that it can't be stopped now and they are only hurting their community further. Those yellow signs mean different things to different people.

To those already living there it is a message that supports their cause but to others it warns of controversy.

How many potential buyers avoid that area

now over those signs? How many sales have been lost by neighbors trying to sell their home or cottage but buyers have been scared off because of the neighbor's yellow sign on their lawn.

How many investors and developers have walked away from Fort Erie because we have this reputation now that there are people here who will challenge everything in court?

I created a video that highlighted all the empty retail and office spaces in Fort Erie to drive home a message to those that fight everything and council, to try and get them to understand the overall damage they are doing.

The video began to go viral and I yanked it. The reason that I yanked it was because I realized that the video was not

serving my intention but highlighting all the negativity happening in this town.

I was approached by a radio station to be interviewed but denied it because I understood what was happening.

I hope the good people of Fort Erie and Crystal Beach also realize what they are doing like I did, that we can be our own worst enemies and even though we believe our cause is right, it doesn't always appear that way to others.

Sometimes we need to know when to move forward and let go of the past. It slows down the future for everyone.

Greg Bonito
Fort Erie

Horsin' around



Five-year-old James General having some fun at the Fort Erie Race Track's Circle the Course event last Sunday.

Submitted

Fort Erie needs a tourist centre

Dear Editor,

Upon returning empty bottles to the Beer Store Sunday at noon, a tourist entered the store and asked the young gentleman behind the counter where the Tourist Information Center was. The young man politely advised we do not have an information center.

Is this border crossing not purported to be the second largest port of entry for vehicular traffic into Ontario? And, as such, we have no tourist information center? How ridiculous is this?

What kind of an image did we present to this tourist? I was not only embarrassed for the staffer having to relay such a message to a member of the travelling public ... but then the foolishness of the scenario suggested. This is truly unacceptable.

Years ago, we had a viable tourist center, trailer, always busy and located close to the Peace Bridge, until Conservative Government in what passed for logic built a grand edifice, which even after a road was built into it, was difficult to see and access which subsequently fell into disuse and now houses a call center, I believe.

The time has come to get the message out to the travellers using the Peace Bridge - we were once thought of as provinces and could like to make their stay pleasant - and perhaps financially rewarding to our community as well.

Barb Boyer
Fort Erie

Dr. Kim Scher, left, Douglas Memorial Hospital site director Joanne Mataya, Fort Erie Mayor Doug Martin, vice-president of patient services Kim Stephens-Woods, DMH Foundation chair Jim Miller, NHS interim president and chief executive officer Dr. Sue Matthews, complex care patient Walter Horner and his daughter Patty Edwards, Helen Eggleton from the DMH ladies auxiliary, Ginny Miller and her husband Milton Miller, a complex care patient. Read the story on page 15.

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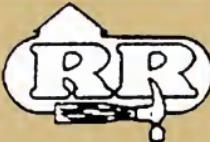
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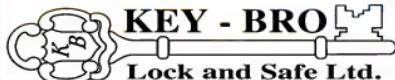


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Palliative and complex care units more 'patient-centred'

Kris Dubé
Editor

The Niagara Health System unveiled its completed renovations at the Douglas Memorial site with a ribbon cutting ceremony and tour for invited guests and the media last Thursday.

Improvements to the palliative care and complex care spaces include six new beds on the same floor, upgraded infection prevention and control features, a new patient wander guard system, updated lighting and aesthetic upgrades.

A re-located and re-decorated family room is also part of the project, giving people a private space when visiting their loved

ones.

The project was funded with \$350,000 split between the Douglas Foundation and the DMH Foundation, plus \$150,000 from the NHS.

Sue Matthews is the interim president and chief executive officer for the NHS and she said that combining both programs onto one floor creates many benefits for patients and their families, while making it easier for staff to provide patient-centred care.

"In addition to being bright, spacious and easy to access, this new space is purpose-designed for the needs of our complex care and palliative care patients," said Matthews.

Dr. Kim Scher leads the palliative care unit at the Douglas Memorial site and

“

We've put that behind us and we're all on the same team. It really shows we're committed to better health care in Fort Erie and I think the NHS is committed to that as well.”

—Mayor Doug Martin

he said he is very excited about the improvements. "It's a much more patient-centred," he said.

Mayor Doug Martin also spoke at the event on Thursday morning in front of about 50 people and said the relationship between the people of Fort Erie and its municipal gov-

ernment have built a strong relationship over the last couple of years with the NHS, compared to what it was when it was decided the site's emergency room would be closed in 2009.

Since then, they have been working together to potentially build a new hospital for the southern-

tier of Niagara, something the local government and the NHS has supported.

"We've put that behind us and we're all on the same team. It really shows we're committed to better health care in Fort Erie and I think the NHS is committed to that as well," said Martin.

Patty Edwards and her sister Nancy McGowan were visiting their father Walter Hornet, a complex care patient at the site.

"I think the improvements being showcased will make a positive difference to the quality services already being delivered."

"I think palliative care was really needed in this town and Dr. Scher is one of the best to do it," said Edwards.

Ginny Miller was with

her husband Milton, also a patient of the complex care unit. She also agrees the renovations will make a world of difference.

"This will make it a lot easier for staff to take care of patients," said Miller.

Joy Russell has been a critic of the NHS since the hospital improvement plan became a topic in the public eye over five years ago with her fellow members of a group called the Yellow Shirt Brigade.

She was also at the event on Thursday and had nothing but positive things to say.

"This is a wonderful step ahead," she said.

"We should all be proud of what the NHS has done. We have to work together because we are not enemies," said Russell.

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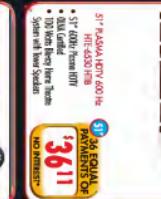
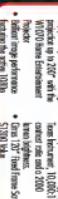


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Town needs more money for legal expenses

Kris Dubé
Editor

The legal bills are piling up at Town Hall.

At Monday night's council-in-committee meeting,

staff made a request for council to increase its legal expense budget for 2013 by \$65,000 due to ongoing costs that have exceeded what was set aside for the year.

After the most recent budget deliberations, \$37,000 was allocated for general legal expenses but so far \$82,285 has been spent, plus \$10,740 for the municipality's legal representation during the Canadian Motor Speedway Ontario Municipal Board hearing and \$6,390 worth of freedom of information matters.

Altogether, the Town of Fort Erie budgeted \$84,600 to cover legal expenses, along with what other departments such as planning, the fire department and human resources might face.

The grand total is \$150,115 spent so far this year, leaving the municipality \$65,000 short of what was decided as the required amount for 2013.

The Town's director of financial services Helen Chamberlain said there are sufficient funds in the legal and legislative services wages and benefits allotment to cover the shortfall.

Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts immediately took exception to the municipality covering legal costs for the Canadian Motor Speedway, after council's decision to move ahead

with the project was appealed to the OMB.

"For \$10,000 we gave a legal opinion? What did we do for \$10,000?"

Director of planning and community development Rick Brady explained to the councillor for Crystal Beach that the expense comes from the Town defending its position at the hearing.

"There's always a fee associated with a decision of this council if there's appeal to the OMB," said Brady.

In March 2012, Lubberts and three other members of council voted in favour of terminating the municipality's director of legal services Heather Salter and since then external counsel has been contracted by the Town of Fort Erie.

Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular said a report from staff that would compare the benefits of the municipality using external counsel to having an in-house lawyer is needed.

"If we don't understand this, the general public is at a shortfall," said Shular.

In the new business portion of the meeting, Shular made this request of staff and it was approved.

Whalen makes appearance

Roseanne Whalen, the mother of a two-year-old Fort Erie girl who died two years ago, made another brief court appearance Monday in Welland where her case was put over until October.

Whalen, 25, has returned to assignment court since Rainbow Hill, 30, of Fort Erie, who was in a periodic domestic relationship with Whalen, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, and her sister, Amanda Dipota, 31, of Niagara Falls, pleaded guilty to accessory to murder in the death of Marissa Whalen.

Hill and Dipota entered their pleas June 28 and returned to court Aug. 16 for sentencing.

Hill was sentenced to life in prison, which carries a mandatory 10 years before a person can apply for parole.

The courts can extend that by the circumstances of the case.

Dipota was sentenced to three years, four months and two days behind bars on a charge of accessory after the fact to murder.

Whalen, who remains in custody, is being represented by Niagara Falls lawyer Geoffrey Hatfield. She returns to the next assignment court at 2:15 p.m. Oct. 15 in Welland.

Whalen is charged with second-degree murder and causing indignity to a body.

Marissa's remains were found nearly two years ago in a rural area of Oshweken, near Brantford.

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Craitor re-introducing right of passage bill at Queen's Park

Kris Dubé
Editor

The Ontario Shorewalk Association, along with Niagara Falls MPP Kim Craitor, wants a better understanding of what is considered public property in the province along the Great Lakes.

Craitor will be bringing his right of passage bill before the provincial legislature for the fourth time, an effort he started working on eight years ago.

In 2005, the Ontario Shorewalk Association was founded around the same time Fort Erie resident Garry Skerrett asked Craitor to address this issue at Queen's Park because of mixed conceptions of what waterfront

property owners are entitled to.

Both Craitor and the Shorewalk Association feel people should be allowed to travel on foot between the high-water mark and the water's edge.

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If passed, it would block private property owners from building fences and blocking shoreline access.

Since its first introduction, Craitor said very little progress has been made but he hopes this time around it can be addressed

and make it to a vote. "Nothing has changed and I'm continuing to say there should be a right of passage," said Craitor.

The bill was put to a halt when the Ontario legislature prorogued over the winter but Craitor will be bringing it back to land at Queen's Park.

"I'm supporting the people who elected me who say they want me to bring it forward again."

Skerrett said he is glad to see Craitor planning to re-introduce the bill and that he has played a large role in the Shorewalk Association's efforts that began in 2005.

"We've been working with him since then," said Skerrett.

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Ontario Shorewalk Association founder Garry Skerrett, left, president Betty Van Oesch and Niagara Falls MPP Kim Craitor.

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Model learns about herself during pageant

Kris Dubé
Editor

Lauren Roy says competing in the Miss Canada Globes 2013 pageant is an experience that will last a lifetime.

The model and former

Ridgeview resident came out of the competition as Miss Southern Ontario and the '3rd princess' in the overall standings.

When asked about her expectations heading into the pageant and how she finished, she said the end result was something she didn't anticipate.

"I wasn't sure if I was even going to make it in the top five since there were so many talented competitors. It proved to me that hard work really does pay off," she said.

Although it is a serious competition that every participant hopes to win, she said the friendships built between all the competitors and the several hours spent with each other are things she will also cherish for many years.

"To hear all the stories about all the delegates was moving and touching. We have all gone through struggles throughout our lives and it was amazing to hear some of the stories. It only brought us closer," said Roy.

Moving ahead into the future, Roy plans to work with as many charities as she can.

Earning the third '3rd princess' title will also allow Roy to compete internationally and represent Canada in either China or Malaysia in 2014.

Roy also says this adventure would never have been possible without the support of her family, friends and sponsors.

She has also undertaken the task of recruiting for next year's pageant and encouraging young women to get involved.

"I would highly recommend this pageant, because not only do you have an amazing time but you learn a lot about yourself and change as a person," said Roy.

Anyone interested in participating or seeking advice from Roy can send her an email to lauren.roy@live.ca.

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TOWN OF FORT ERIE NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss.17(23), O.Reg. 543/06

APPLICANT: TOWN OF FORT ERIE
FILE #: 350313.002
PROJECT: RIDGEWAY-THUNDER BAY SECONDARY PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law No. 84-2013 being a By-law to adopt Amendment No.15 to the Official Plan for the Fort Erie Planning Area, on the 9th day of September 2013 under section 22 of the Planning Act.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the approval authority if a written request to be notified of the decision is made to the **Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Niagara, 2201 St. David's Road, P.O. Box 1042, Thorold, Ontario, L2A 4T7**, being the approval authority to which this official plan amendment is being submitted. Anyone requesting notification must include complete contact information.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 15 is to implement the land use recommendations of the Ridgeway-Thunder Bay Secondary Plan.

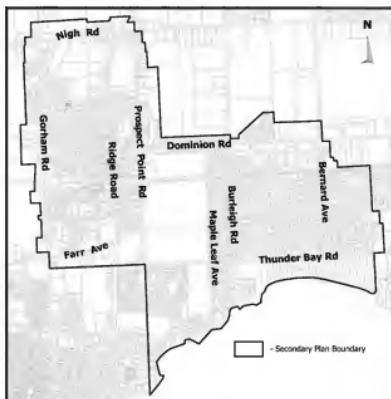
INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE AMENDMENT

Information pertaining to the proposed Official Plan Amendment application and the adopted Official Plan Amendment No. 15 is available at the Community and Development Services Department, Town of Fort Erie, 1 Municipal Centre Drive or by visiting the Town's website at www.town.forterie.ca access the Neighbourhood/Secondary Plans page using the Quick Links drop down menu at the top right of the Main Page.

OTHER APPLICATIONS

The Town of Fort Erie will now commence select rezoning initiatives in order reflect new or changed land use designations to effectively implement the Secondary Plan. When the required changes to the zoning have been determined, the Town will initiate informal and formal public consultation prior to Council's consideration of the proposed changes. Further Public Notice will be published concerning the consultation process at a later date. Additionally, the Town will also commence Community Improvement Planning for the Downtown area of Ridgeway with the objective of structuring financial incentive programs for lands within a Community Improvement Project Area that will be determined through the process.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 19th day of September, 2013.
CAROLYN KETT, TOWN CLERK



Playoff champs



Submitted

The Fort Erie Sting U-18 team is the Niagara Regional Girls Soccer League playoff champion. Team members are Nicole Eberly, front left, Brittany Doyte, Christina Cottone, Caitlyn Driver, Amelia Sferazzza, Liz Biller, Jessica Schulz, back left, Makayla Mirkotzki, Brooklyn Jones, Maggie Moore, Katie Winger, Danielle Cross, Geena Cambin. Absent from photo: Mary Iannelli. Coaching staff is Nick Cottone, Dennis Hernandez, Mark Hernandez, Jürgen Schutz, and head coach Vince Cottone.



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More information about the recruitment process and an application form are available at Town Hall, any Fire Hall and at our website <http://www.town.forterie.ca/pages/EmploymentOpportunities> by clicking on the **view attachments** link. The deadline for receiving applications is **6:00 p.m., Monday, September 30, 2013**. Only those persons selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Chief financial officer for Canadian Niagara Power Glen King holds an award received during a previous United Way campaign.



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**CNP
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Kris Dubé

Editor

The Canadian Niagara Power Company has been supporting the United Way in Fort Erie for decades and have electrified the cause with many thousands of dollars.

Aside from having an annual function at CNP's Fort Erie headquarters on Berle St. where an agency under the United Way's umbrella is showcased, staff there have many other ways to contribute.

One of these methods is payroll deduction, where employees agree to have at least two dollars from every bi-weekly paycheque set aside for the United Way.

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Shorewalk Association says bill would end confusion along the waterfront

From Page 26

He said there are varying opinions and interpretations about what is considered public or what the bill's passage would mean for the property owners he has spoken with over the years.

"Some people tell us they see no harm in it, but that's not everybody," said Skerrett.

He said every property has its own unique situation, such as being placed adjacent to a road allowing members of the public to use to visit the many beaches along the lake in

Greater Fort Erie. "There's all kinds of dynamics to work with," said Skerrett.

Betty Van Osch has been the president of the Ontario Shorewalk Association for three years and she said the bill should be passed for clarification purposes, so people can

simply know what the rules are. "It would put in writing

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On the hunt



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Debbie Barrett, left, Patti Mille-Roy and Terry 'Tex' Lapp from Canadian Tire with Don Holdsworth, president of the Canadian Sportsmen's Club in Fort Erie. Read a story about hunting safety on page 35.



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Safety first at new pro shop

Kris Dubé
Editor

Fort Erie's Canadian Tire store is equipped with a new hunting pro shop department, thanks partially to the expertise of Canadian Sportsmen's Club president Don Holdsworth.

A soft opening has already seen plenty of interest from the public, according to the store's owner Patti Mills-Roy.

"We're getting a lot of

positive feedback," she said.

Holdsworth was brought in to train staff on the proper ways to handle a firearm and provide education on the many other rules and regulations that apply to the sport and the necessary equipment.

He was glad to help out, considering that over the last two years he has seen an influx of interest from people taking safety and certification courses.

He says TV shows like Duck Dynasty may be a reason why the sport seems to be growing in popularity.

"It's become cool to be a redneck," he said with a laugh.

He said about 10 years ago, he would hold an average of three courses per year but in recent times, it seems he needs to offer one course per month at the club, considering the demand.

In the last two years,

interest has really peaked," he said.

The general manager of the Canadian Tire store in Fort Erie is Debbie Barrett and she said safety always come first.

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The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Canadian Niagara Power's request. We will determine whether Canadian Niagara Power has used the applicable models and formulas as required by the OEB. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide on the appropriate rate changes.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

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- review Canadian Niagara Power's application on the OEB's website now;
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- at the end of the process, review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

If you want to become an active participant (called an intervenor) in this proceeding, you must apply for intervenor status to the OEB no later than **10 calendar days** after the publication or service date of this notice, or the hearing will go ahead without you, and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding. If you do not wish to become an intervenor but wish to give your opinion on the proceeding to the Board members hearing the application, you are invited to file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.

The OEB does not intend to award costs in this proceeding as Canadian Niagara Power has only made proposals of a mechanistic nature within the OEB's guidelines.

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**The law office of
Gary M. Berman
B. T., LL.B.
--- Barrister, Solicitor & Notary ---
has closed.**

Mr. Berman's Active/Current files have (unless otherwise instructed) been transferred to the law firm of Lancaster, Brooks & Welch LLP with offices in St. Catharines and Welland, the contact person for which is Mr. Stanleigh Palka at (905)641-1551.

Mr. Berman's Wills and Powers of Attorney documents have been acquired by the law firm of Calvin Beresh located in Niagara Falls, the contact person for which is Mr. Calvin Beresh at (905)357-5555.

Mr. Berman's files closed from August 31, 2007 onwards are in storage at 35 Jarvis Street in Fort Erie. The custodian and contact person to retrieve any such file is Mr. Leigh Whyte at (905)658-5314.

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All claims against the estate of **GRAEME RYDON CLARK**, late of the Town of Fort Erie in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died on or about the 11th day of August, 2013, must be filed with the undersigned Estate Trustee on or before the 26th day of September, 2013; thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the said estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

DATED at Fort Erie this 27th day of August 2013.

PETER RIGGAN
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All claims against the estate of **DOROTHY KATHLEEN GREGORY**, late of the Town of Fort Erie in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died on or about the 30th day of September, 2013, must be filed with the undersigned Estate Trustee on or before the 10th day of October, 2013; thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the said estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

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A Celebration of Life for Jacqueline Visser is planned for Sunday September 22, 2013 at 316 Elmwood Street, Fort Erie. Open House from 1pm-4pm. If you have any pictures of Jacqueline please bring to share. Jacqueline Visser passed away peacefully at the Abbotwood Hospital in B.C. on Sunday, July 21, 2013 at the age of 56. She leaves behind her beloved daughter Quintynn (Penny) (John) (Alyssa), grandchildren Mackenzie, Jaxton and Penny, sisters Maryann, Lesley, Karen and brother Mike and her brother Louis. Jacqueline is predeceased by her mother Johanna Visser. Donations in Jacqueline's name can be made to Canuck Place Children's Hospital.

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MACKECHUK, Gord - Gord passed away peacefully at St. Elizabeth's hospital in Buffalo on Tuesday, Sept. 10th 2013. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years Felicia "Chickie" (nee Fredo) of Fort Erie. Proud father to his son John and daughter Krista (Shawn Knox), both of Toronto. Proud Grandpa of Braden and Abigail. Also survived by son-in-law Richard (Faro) and sisters Deborah and Elizabeth, and by sister-in-laws Carmella, Fredo, and Stephanie Fredo (wife of the late Tony Fredo). Predeceased by his sister Frances and parents Roman & Mary. Gord enjoyed a long and diverse career, taking him from the prairies of Saskatchewan, to the rail yards of Hamilton, and eventually to the Ford Motor Company in Niagara Falls, where he retired in 1986 after 25 years with the company. He volunteered many years at the local YMCA, in addition to being a driver for the Canadian Cancer Society. He was also a member of the local Kinsmen club. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Berner Ave., Fort Erie entrusts arrangements. Visitation will be held on Sunday September 15th from 2-4 & 7pm. Funeral Mass to be celebrated at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church Monday morning at 11 o'clock. Donations may be made in Gord's name to Toronto Sick Kids Hospital.

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MATTHEWS, Barbara Ann - On Wednesday September 11th 2013, Barbara peacefully passed away at the Greater Niagara General Hospital at the age of 87. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bruce, survived by children Brenda (John), Whiller, Karen (Ron) Kieffer, Dan (Diane), Grier (Jeanne) and Kevin (Margaret) grandchildren Matt (Katie), Laura, Christopher, Zack (Sarah), Jessica (George), Marisa, Michael, Kaitlyn, Tyler and great grandchildren Hailey, Kaitlyn, Brynn and Aubrie. Also survived by brother Ken (Rita) Thomson and sister in law Joan and the late Robert. Barbara will be remembered by many nieces, nephews, and many friends at Goodness, the Brink and the Berle Boat Club. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES**, 722 Ridge Road N. Ridgewey entrusted with arrangements. Visitation was held on Saturday from 11-1 and service on Sunday at 1pm. Barbara's life followed the chapel at 1 o'clock. In memory of Barbara, donations to the Kidney Foundation would be appreciated.

van BRUSSEL, Harold - Harold passed away at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Friday September 13th, 2013 at the age of 51. Loving husband of over 23 years to Mary Kay (nee Thomas). Dear father of Vera van Brussel. Proud son of Walter and Vera van Brussel. Cherished brother of Donna (Rendle). Harold will be sadly missed by the members of the Thomas family, his many friends and especially his wife. Predeceased by his sister Barbara Heidorn and his brother Peter. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Berner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Private family services will be held. If so desired, contributions to an educational fund for the children would be appreciated. www.bennerfuneralservices.com



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HENNIG, Richard G. Passed away suddenly Sept. 16th, 2013, days after his 100th birthday. Dear father to Ursula Richardson, Gisela (Dennis) Kolpaski, Anne (Charles) Rittner, Henrietta Hollingsworth and Tim Hennig. Husband to Hildegard for almost 70 years. Loving Opa to Petrina (Bob) Ister, Stefanie (Steve) and Kristin (Bob) Fjare, Christine (Tom) Barber, Adriana (April) Rittner, Katherine (Marc) Begin, Sara Rittner and Joey. Great Opa to Ethan & Cole, Abbey & Alex, Evelyn, Mayla, Hannah & Jake. Dear brother of Eli, Herbert, Annie & Gertie. Grandfather of Eli, who had a special place in his heart. Much loved by all his dear friends who became his second family at Maple Park Lodge, Bluejay Wing. You made his last two years full of happiness, much laughter and fulfillment. He never stopped his activism and enjoyed his gardening & storytelling about fishing. Thank you to Dr. Spencer and Lodge staff for making his last two years as comfortable as possible. Dear Opa, thanks for sticking around for your 100th party. Our hearts are still with you and we will always be with you without you but we will always think of you with a smile. Cremation entrusted to Niagara Funeral Alternatives. A celebration of life is to be announced at a later date.



Debra Gregg

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